

voices rendered Mendelssohn's "St. Paul."

Westminster Church: Notwithstanding the cold weather last Sabbath, Westminster had a goodly number present at both the Sunday School and morning services. The choir of trained musicians who have so delighted our congregation with their fine singing, together with Mr. H. W. B. Barnes, organist, from Cincinnati, were also faithful in attendance. During the morning Mr. Ostrom, of the Forward Volunteer Movement, spoke to the people inviting them to make a selection of delegates in the near future, to represent our church at the Birmingham Conference.

Fort Gaines: Our church on last Sabbath pursuant to call of the session some time previously for a congregational meeting, elected four new officers: Deacons J. E. Peterson and Dr. W. C. Wimberly, to the eldership, and Messrs. R. C. McAllister and Robert A. Dobbins to the diaconate. These brethren are all in the prime of life, deserving members, and men of decided and strong characters, and the church feels that they have done the right thing, and will greatly increase their usefulness by putting them in these offices. We have from their ministration, great hopes for the church, and the glory of the Master.

Atlanta—Mopre Memorial Church: The ladies of this church, gave a delightful reception to their pastor on Monday evening, January 25. The special occasion of the reception was the nineteenth anniversary of Dr. Holderby's pastorate, and also the anniversary of his birth. A large audience was present to do honor to the occasion, and the exercises were of unusual interest. The Presbyterian ministry was well represented. Rev. Dr. W. L. Lingle, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, made a brief but a very interesting talk in which he congratulated pastor and people upon the long and happy pastorate. The Atlanta Orchestra added much to the pleasure of the evening, as did also the ladies, who served delightful refreshments.

Tallapoosa: A series of meetings, extending through eight days ended at Tallapoosa, Sunday, January 24. Rev. Frank D. Hunt, evangelist of Atlanta Presbytery, a clear forcible, and consecrated ambassador of the word, assisted the minister in this work. The churches of the city were largely represented in the congregations, the Methodists and South Methodist Churches uniting heartily in the entire series. The popular meetings were held in the South Methodist Church, which has the largest auditorium in the city. Ten professed conversions. A blessed and abiding work was accomplished in the Presbyterian Church by the afternoon meetings held. Mr. Hunt gave a series of seven Bible studies on, "The Church the Bride of the Lamb." These were largely attended by the earnest spirits of the place. The interest was intense. All were bound together in Christian fellowship, built up in faith, and filled with devotion to the work of the Gospel. Mr. Hunt proved the teacher of unperturbed truth especially needed at this time in Tallapoosa. He is a careful and devout student of

the Bible, has a fine insight into its deeper meanings, which he sets forth with great clearness, strong appeal, and telling illustration. His sincerity, well-balanced judgment, and manifest love of men, win all to the cause he represents. His exposition of the Gospel met with hearty approval on all sides. The work he did in this place will endure and will bring forth results increasingly.

Birmingham: The work of the Presbyterian churches in the Birmingham district for the year 1908 was both fruitful and promising. Plans have been arranged for the year 1909 which contemplate even greater things. Perhaps the most significant step for the immediate future is the appointment of a sub-committee of the Home Mission Committee, whose special purpose is church extension in this district. The members of this committee are: Rev. H. C. Kegley, chairman; Rev. S. J. Foster, Rev. U. D. Mooney, Rev. S. F. Swallow (Bessemer), and Elder F. W. Dixon. This committee will seek to organize Sunday schools, and to be watchful for opportunities to establish the Presbyterian church in needy fields. Those who are familiar with the situation here, will understand how effective this committee can be. There are many suburbs already, and every year adds more, and we are therefore properly interested in bringing our church to them. Besides the usual work in which they would necessarily be interested, this sub-committee will undertake to give every consideration to our large and growing foreign population. There are several thousand foreigners who do not speak English, to whom we hope to give the Gospel. This work will be undertaken in co-operation with the Atlanta committee. The Pastors' Union recently had a discussion on the parity of Presbyteries, led by Rev. Dr. Woodbridge, of Avondale. The leader supported the present attitude of the Church on the question of its church officers, and in the discussion which followed had the unanimous support of the brethren. A motion was carried asking that the leader's address be given to the Church papers.

Moultrie: Sunday, January 24, was given up to the Laymen's Movement in Moultrie. An executive committee, composed of fifteen men from the evangelical churches represented in the city, had formed a permanent organization and had laid plans for a series of mass meetings for men. This was the first of the series, with Mr. Charles H. Pratt of our own church as the speaker. In the morning he filled the pulpit of the Presbyterian church, delivering a most thrilling address on "The devotion to Christ that is demanded of those who call themselves Christians." His text was Luke 6: 46, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" It was well fitted to prepare the congregation for the other messages of the day. In the afternoon at the Methodist church three hundred and fifty women gathered in a mass meeting for women only, and at night five hundred men came together in the Baptist church to hear one of the clearest calls to duty in world-wide missions. The daily paper says, "It was a meeting for men only—a single exception being made by unanimous consent to

have the organist present. Old-time singing was a feature of the meeting, and the laymen proved their ability to conduct an enthusiastic religious service without the lead of a minister. The pastors were present, but were accorded amen corner privileges only. Mr. Pratt, a young man with impressive personality, presented strongly, earnestly and effectively the cause of foreign missions. He appealed to the love, the gratitude, the pride, and the patriotism of Christians. It was shown that there were money enough, men and women enough, open doors enough, and the awakening of the great body of Christians to a willingness to do the work remaining." The meeting was in every respect a success, and its effect is already being felt. The question of systematic giving is being discussed on the streets. It is confidently expected that there will be a marked increase, not only in the amount of the offerings to Foreign Missions, but in denominational loyalty and loyalty to Christ in both life and means. The statistics of the churches of the city for 1908 showed that the per capita to Foreign Missions is three dollars and thirty cents. The statistics for the Presbyterian Church showed the following per capita: To church expenses, nineteen dollars; to benevolent causes in the home field, twenty dollars; to Foreign Missions, eight dollars. The Interdenominational Committee of Laymen have plans for another mass meeting of men to be held in the near future, and to be addressed by a prominent man from the Baptist church, and then another, when the speaker will be a Methodist. And it is the intention, in the meantime, to press the work along every line in the individual churches. The pastors are rejoicing in the fact that the men are awake and at work, for they know what this thing means

KENTUCKY.

Catlettsburg: A meeting of much interest was held in this church from January 5 to January 18, in which the pastor, Rev. W. J. Garrison, was assisted by the Rev. William Black, and his singer, Mr. A. Burr. There were over fifty professions, and all the churches received members. But the greatest god was in the reviving of professing Christians. The work in the Church is quite encouraging. Plans are on foot for a new manse and for the enlargement of the Church building.

Morganfield: The fourth Sunday was one of unusual interest in our church for several reasons. The pastor, Rev. C. N. Wharton, preached at night for the last time before leaving us for his trip to Europe and the Holy Land. He and his wife expect to start from New York on the steamer Arabic, February 4, as members of the Clark's Tourist Party. While we all rejoice that they will have such a delightful trip, they will be greatly missed at home. Two new elders were ordained and installed in the morning, Professor M. L. Girton, and Judge C. H. Skinner. An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. Rudolph Miller, late of Searcy, Ark., who will supply our church during Mr. Wharton's absence.

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